

Remarks

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

With respect to the claims, of previously pending claims 1-35, claims 1-4, 11-15, 21-26, and 30-35 were rejected. Claims 5-10, 16-20, and 27-29 were objected to but were allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly the applicants have amended claims 5, 16 and 27. The limitations of claims 1 and 4 were inserted into claim 5; the limitations of claims 13 and 15 were inserted into claim 16; and the limitations of claims 23 and 26 were inserted into claim 27. Claims 1-4, 11-15, 21-26 and 30-35 were canceled.

Therefore, in view of the remarks above, the applicant requests that the rejections be withdrawn, that claims 5-10, 16-20, and 27-29 be allowed, and the case be passed to issue. If a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is asked to call the undersigned at (408) 868-4088.

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